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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING CONGRESS TO INCLUDE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE NATIONAL
12 STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF, NEW
13 MEXICO'S PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE NATIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY FOR
14 ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

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16 WHEREAS, all credible and irrefutable scientific evidence
17 confirms that our planet is undergoing ecological overshoot of
18 at least thirty percent, resulting in resource depletion,
19 pollution and other effects; and

20 WHEREAS, geological evidence points to the fact that we
21 have already reached peak oil condition, and the current global
22 economic recession and financial crisis can incontrovertibly be
23 attributed to the inability and unsuitability of the current
24 dominant petroleum-based energy regime to sustain current rates
25 of economic growth; and

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1 WHEREAS, only solar-thermal and geothermal energy satisfy
2 the requisite moral horizon as primary, stable and
3 inexhaustible energy sources for innumerable generations to
4 come; and

5 WHEREAS, solving the energy storage issue for the
6 transportation segment of the economy is a prerequisite for
7 transition to the geothermal and solar-thermal energy regime;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, protection of the national economic space,
10 including equalization of terms of trade, protection of trade
11 and technological secrets and prevention of further capital
12 depletion and flight, is a prerequisite for a structural
13 recovery of the national economy; and

14 WHEREAS, prioritization of aggressive development of the
15 electric automotive industry should be the dominant and driving
16 sector of the new energy economy; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico possesses comparative advantages in
18 natural resources in the form of abundant and inexpensive
19 desert land and hot dry rock geothermal resources; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico is second in solar irradiation
21 nationally; and

22 WHEREAS, New Mexico has the science research facilities in
23 Los Alamos and Sandia national laboratories; and

24 WHEREAS, the establishment of the national renewable
25 energy administration, with a mission separate from the United

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1 States department of defense and the United States department
2 of energy, becomes necessary to evaluate and select methods and
3 technologies and to manage and fund national energy-
4 independence efforts and to succeed by 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe is centrally located, in
6 proximity, to the institutions and national laboratories that
7 are indispensable and complementary for research and for
8 coordination of the plan to achieve national energy
9 independence by 2020, and these institutions have sufficient
10 resident technical and scientific expertise to accomplish this
11 task most efficaciously, including Los Alamos national
12 laboratory, Sandia national laboratories, the Santa Fe
13 institute, the solar energy research park and academy in
14 Espanola, the national renewable energy laboratory in Golden,
15 Colorado, and Rocky Mountain institute in Snowmass, Colorado;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that congress be requested to:

18 A. include an appropriation in the national
19 stimulus package of seven billion dollars (\$7,000,000,000) each
20 annually to New Mexico's Sandia and Los Alamos national
21 laboratories to augment their current national security
22 missions; and

23 B. to assign the city of Santa Fe, la villa real de
24 San Francisco de Assis, as headquarters of the national
25 renewable energy administration and that an annual

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1 appropriation in the United States department of defense and
2 the United States department of energy budgets include seven
3 billion dollars (\$7,000,000,000) annually for the operation of
4 the national renewable energy administration headquarters and
5 research facilities; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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